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VERIFY WITHDRAWALS

REFS: A. NATO 1238, B. VIENNA 1857, C. NATO 1007

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. WE AGREE THAT TIME REQUIRED FOR WITHDRAWALS AND TIME
REQUIRED TO VERIFY WITHDRAWALS COULD BE TWO OF MANY CON-
SIDERATIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT ANY DECISION ON OPTIMUM

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INTERVAL BETWEEN PHASES OF MBFR REDUCTIONS. WE HAVE

FOLLOWING COMMENTS AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL C TRANSMITTING TEXT:

A. WE CONSIDER WG TO HAVE MADE THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF MOST SIGNIFICANT PLANNING FACTORS WHICH WOULD AFFECT ACTUAL WITHDRAWAL TIME AND WE THINK THIS IS A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

B. WE SEE MONITORING PROBLEM IN THREE PHASES: PREREDUCTION PHASE, WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY IN, THAT ESTABLISHES BASE FORCE LEVELS AGAINST WHICH ALL SUBSEQUENT FORCE LEVELS ARE MEASURED; WITHDRAWAL PHASE BEGINNING

WITH FIRST TROOPMOVEMENTS AND CONTINUING UNTIL ALL

AGREED REDUCTIONS COMPLETED; AND POST-REDUCTION PHASE WHICH COULD CONTINUE FOR DURATION OF AGREEMENT. LAST PHASE HAS TWO ASPECTS: PRIMARILY, MONITORING FORCE LEVELS IN NGA TO SEE THAT AGREEMENT IS OBSERVED AND TO VERIFY THAT FORCES WITHDRAWN ARE NOT REINTRODUCED; SECONDLY, USING AVAILABLE MEANS, WATCHING ALL SOVIET FORCES OUTSIDE THE NGA FOR CLUES ABOUT POSSIBLE MOVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT MBFR AGREEMENTS.

C. POSSIBLE VARIATIONS IN FORMS AND RATES OF REDUCTIONS, FORCE RESTRUCTURING OR REDEPLOYMENT, AND INSPECTION SYSTEMS ARE SO WIDE THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO SPECIFY PERIODS OF TIME TO "VERIFY" IS PREMATURE.

D. FYI: ESTIMATES SUCH AS THIS ONE THAT DO NOT CONSIDER U.S. NTM WILL BE DEFICIENT SINCE WE CONSIDER NTM TO BE ESSENTIAL TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF VERIFICATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING LIKELY TIMES REQUIRED TO MONITOR SAMPLE REDUCTIONS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL MEANS AND SOURCES AVAILABLE. HENCE WE WOULD NOT WANT THE WG OR SPC TO GET LOCKED INTO SPECIFIC ESTIMATES AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

E. WE AGREE WITH COMMENT OF US REP IN REF C REGARDING "DISBAND" IN PARA 3 C OF WG PAPER.

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F. WE BELIEVE PAPER MAKES TOO RIGID A DISTINCTION (PARA 21) BETWEEN OVERT AND COVERT MONITORING SINCE WE WOULD EXPECT COVERT MONITORING TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER OVERT MONITORING IS FINALLY AGREED TO.

G. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT INSPECTION TEAMS

WOULD OR SHOULD OPERATE OUTSIDE NGA AS PAPER SUGGESTS.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE MAJOR RESERVATIONS ABOUT
CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY WG IN PARAS 22, 23, 24 WHICH WE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE REVISED AFTER WG TAKES SECOND LOOK
AT VERIFICATION PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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